

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 9 have been amended, and claim 10 has been added. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-10 will remain pending.

I. Telephonic Interview of June 16, 2004

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for speaking with the Applicant's representative on June 16, 2004. As a result of the Interview, it was agreed that the claims would be allowable over the applied prior art if amended to specify that the regulated parameters include configuration parameters that are not noise or silence parameters.

Herein, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 4, and 9 to specify that the "regulated [or changed] parameters include at least configuration parameters that are neither noise nor silence parameters." Support for this subject matter is found, for instance, on page 9, lines 1-9 and 20-22, of the Applicant's specification. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4, and 9 are now allowable. Claims 2, 3, and 5-8 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 4 and are patentable for the reasons supporting patentability of claims 1 and 4 and for the additional features recited therein.

II. New Claim 10 Is Allowable

New claim 10 depends from claim 1 and recites that "the configuration parameters are at least in part associated with a filter." Support for this subject matter is found, for instance, on page 9, lines 20-22, of the specification. Claim 10 is patentable for the reasons supporting patentability of claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein.

III. Claim Objections and Rejections

The Examiner objected to claim 2 on the basis of an informality therein. The Applicant has amended claim 2 pursuant to the Examiner's instructions.

Claims 1, 2, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Suvanen et al. (WO 96/42142; "Suvanen"). Claims 3-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suvanen in view of Kokko et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,790,534). In view of the above-mentioned Interview and the amendments herein, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are overcome.

IV. Conclusion

All rejections having been addressed, the Applicant requests issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of claims 1-10. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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